

Glasgow, Sept. 23, 1846.

Dear Henry:

37 On Monday evening, I met a number of gentlemen, belonging to the Emancipation Committee, at one of the hotels; and we had a very pleasant interview, which lasted till midnight — Dr. Watson in the chair. Our faithful friend John Murray was up from Bowling Bay; and I went down with him, yesterday morning, to his romantic and quiet residence, where I got a very kind reception from his wife and family, and spent a portion of the day with him in climbing the neighboring hills, and talking about you and the other anti-slavery friends who had visited Bowling Bay, at various periods — &c. &c. In the evening, we went to Greenock, where a meeting had been hastily, and, of course, imperfectly called, to be addressed by Frederick, (who had preceded us thither,) and myself.

It was held in a very large church, and a somewhat numerous and very respectable audience was present. Frederick ~~first~~ opened the meeting, and, in the course of his speech, dealt very faithfully with the Free Church, which caused some hissing among the snakes belonging to that brood; but this was trifling, in comparison with the amount of applause bestowed. In following him, I adverted to the hissing, and invited to the platform, any one in the assembly, who was prepared to deny the charges which had been brought against the Free Church, Drs. Candlish, Cunningham, Chalmers, &c. But,

"There was silence, deep as death,
And the boldest held his breath" —
and we thus "finished off" the hissers for the remainder of the evening. Our meeting broke up at 10½ o'clock, with much enthusiasm, and it was voted that there should be an auxiliary anti-slavery league formed in Greenock. More will need to be done in that place, as I am told that it is sadly lacking in intellectual activity and moral life.

Murray, Douglass and myself staid over night at the Temperance hotel, and this morning I came up to Glasgow, via Bowling Bar.

I am laboring under a severe attack of influenza — have a constant headache, and am quite hoarse — and, what is quite unfortunate, must go immediately to Paisley, on writing this, to address a public meeting with Frederick. To-morrow, I must hurry to Edinburgh, to be present at a meeting in the evening; but I feel more like being on the sick list. Alas! "necessity knows no law."

Another note from you — and one that makes it difficult to be satisfactorily answered. I see how it is — you are not satisfied that duty requires your return home this fall, in consequence of the peculiar state of our cause in this country, arising out of the course pursued by the Evangelical Alliance. — I confess, I see many weighty reasons for your remaining till spring — and I shall leave the matter entirely to your own unbiassed convictions of duty. How to return without you, I do not know — I am under a sort

of pledge to see that you and Douglass return with me — and I have waited a fortnight longer than I first intended, to be sure that you would not give me the slip. Besides, your passage is engaged, and I know not whether it can be recalled, or not — though I will write to Liverpool, and see if it can be done. I am bound to add, that Murray, Smeal and Paton are decidedly of the opinion, that you ought not to leave till spring. A letter from Geo. Thompson, just received, states that he is overwhelmed with correspondence about the League and the Alliance, and needs two amanuenses and a private secretary to keep pace with it. I see how much there is to be done, and the great importance of its being done. All I desire is, that you may be where you can be the most usefully employed. I will, therefore, not urge you to return with me. Wait till I see you in Dublin, before a decision be absolutely determined on.

I cannot delay my visit. There are imperative reasons for my return home in the steamer of the 19th.

With loving regards to all the dear friends in Dublin, I remain,
H. C. Wright. ^{Ever yours,} W. L. Garrison.